Executive Director/Directors belonging to SC/ST on the Boards of IOC, ONGC, OIL and HPC

296. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Directors belonging to the Scheduled Castes | Scheduled Tribes on the Boards of Indian Oil Corporation, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation; and

(b) if there are no persons from the above categories on the Boards, whether Government propose to appoint at least one Executive Director from these categories on the Boards of such Corporations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Board of Directors of Oil India Ltd. has one officer belonging to Scheduled Caste. In the Board of Directors of other three 'oil companies, there is no officer belonging to Scheduled Castes | Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The functional Directors on the Boards of Public Sector Undertakings are appointed according to the prescribed procedures. Other part time Directors are officials of the concerned Miistries dealing with matters relating to these undertakings. There is no reservation for SC|ST communities for appointments to Board level posts.

Allotment of Gas agencies to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

297. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the Minister of PET ROLEUM AND CHEMICALS foe pleased to state;

(a) how many gas agencies have so far been allotted, Statewise;

(b) whether there is any reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe in such allotment;

(c) if so, what is the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons who have been allotted gas agencies, Statewise; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to increase the representation of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe in the allotment of Gas Agencies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As on 1-1-90, there were 3698 LPG distributorships operating in the country. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As on 1-1-90, 606 LPG distributorships have been given to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons. The State-wise detailg are given in the statement. *

(d) Priority is being given by the Oil Selection Boards to expedite the selection of the candidates belonging to these categories to achieve full quota reserved for them, thereby enhancing their representation from the existing level.